

CUBA
25 July 1962**LECHUGA CLADS NEW INVASION READIED**

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(Text) Mexico City--Cuban Ambassador to Mexico Carlos Lechuga said on 24 July that a new invasion against Cuba is being prepared by mercenaries trained in Guatemala and Nicaragua with U.S. financing. At a press conference, Lechuga attacked "dictatorships disguised as representative democracies," including among them Colombia and Guatemala, where an invasion against Cuba is being prepared; Argentina, where clean elections were trampled upon by the army; Nicaragua, "where the Somozas are murders and thieves;" and Peru.

The ambassador said that the Fidel Castro government is ready to negotiate with the United States on a basis of equality, but that the North Americans have refused to do so. He also asserted that the Cuban revolution will not fail and that it is irreversible.

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SECONDARY STUDENTS CONVENTION--The first national congress of secondary students will be held in Havana between 5 and 10 August with a view to accomplishing the goals assigned to the secondary students by the glorious socialist revolution. (Havana Radio Rebelde Spanish 2300 GMT 24 July 1962--F)

MERCHANDISE HOARDER--Agents of the Domestic Commerce Ministry and member of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution have denounced Ricardo Anselmo Garcia Menendez who concealed in his home large amounts of staple goods. Rafael Valdes was fined in Vueltas for a crime against the national economy. In Placetas, Paster Hernandez Torres was fined for having concealed rice, lard, edible oil, black beans and other staples. Alfredo Parajon Guevara and Diosdado Riberon Gonzalez were fined for crimes against the national economy. (Havana Radio Rebelde Spanish 2300 GMT 24 July 1962--F)

GRAIN FROM CHILE--A Chilean ship will leave for Cuba early in August with a shipment of edibles. The shipment comes under the Chilean-Cuban trade agreement established in 1961. The 2,760 tons of Chilean Cargo include beans and rice. (Havana Spanish Americas 1400 GMT 23 July 1962--E)